

**MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room W140 West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

January 26, 2005

Members Present: Sen. Al Mansell, Co-Chairman
Rep. Craig Buttars, Co-Chairman
Sen. Paula Julander
Rep. Brad Dee
Rep. Patrick Painter
Rep. Jackie Biskupski

Members Excused: Sen. Dan Eastman
Rep. Jeff Alexander

Staff Present: Dr. Andrea Wilko, Fiscal Analyst
Crystal Hermanson, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Rep. Buttars called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Biskupski moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2005 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Eastman and Rep. Alexander absent for the vote.

Representative Dee presented a request for appropriation in the amount of \$1,000,000 related to the Treehouse Museum in Ogden.

Lynn Goodwin, Children's Treehouse Museum spoke to the request. She pointed out that they have partnered with the community to raise funding and would like the State to be a partner.

Sylvia Kobay, Board of Directors, Treehouse museum addressed the committee related to the request.

Dr. Wilko, gave the Analyst's recommendations for the Zoos program. It was indicated that no administrative costs are covered via state funds, and that state funds are used for the operation and maintenance of zoos.

Craig Dinsmore, Executive Director, Hogle Zoo, responded to the Analyst's recommendations. He also introduced board members present.

Ellis Ivory, Hogle Board member presented zoo planning efforts to date.

The Analyst presented the Community Service Budget which included the budgets for Special Housing, Homeless Committee, HEAT, Weatherization, Community Services and the Emergency Food Network. The Analyst recommended a supplemental and building block for weatherization of \$550,000 from dedicated credit revenues. The Analyst also recommends that the committee prioritize \$130,000 for the Emergency Food Network. Priority requests will need to be sent to Executive Appropriations.

The Special Housing Program provides assistance to target populations including the chronically mentally ill, disabled homeless and aids victims. Funding is entirely from federal revenues.

The Homeless Committee Program provides statewide funding to social service agencies related to homeless services. The Analyst referred the committee to Issue Brief 8 to explain the new direction the Homeless Committee is proposing to go.

The Community Services program provides pass-through to nine community action programs that provide assistance in combating poverty statewide.

The Emergency Food Program is used to assist local food banks and other providers distribute emergency food to households in poverty. The Analyst referred the Committee to Issue Brief 3.

The HEAT and Weatherization programs provide utility assistance or one time cash grants to help households reduce utility costs.

Gordon Walker, Director, Division of Community Development responded to the Analyst's recommendations.

Sharon Anderson, President, Utah Community Action Partnership Association, presented the 2003 year end report. (see handout on file)

Ann Kagie, Board of Directors, Utah Community Action Partnership addressed the committee regarding the Community Service Budget.

Pamela Atkinson, Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund and Community Advocate, addressed the committee regarding homelessness and the Community Service Program. She asked for funding for the Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund and the Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund totaling \$750,000 ongoing each. She also asked for funding for the Emergency Food Network.

Gina Cornia, Utahns Against Hunger, Emergency Food Network addressed the Committee regarding hunger in Utah and the efforts to combat it. (see handout on file)

Rudy Roca, Coalition of Religious Communities addressed the committee regarding Section 8 housing.

Jesus Campos, Utah Tenants Association addressed the committee regarding Section 8 housing.

Dr. Wilko, Fiscal Analyst, gave the Analyst's recommendations for the Office of Indian Affairs. This office enhances intergovernmental relations between tribes, the Governor's Office and the Legislature. The Analyst recommends non-lapsing intent language for the line item.

Forrest Cuch, Director, Office of Indian Affairs responded to the Analyst recommendations.

John Williams and Sam Klemm from the Association of Governments spoke to the committee concerning a funding request of \$385,000 related to administrative support for the Association of Governments. These funds have come from the Permanent Community Impact Fund for the past three years. They would like to see an appropriation restored from the General Fund.

MOTION: Sen. Julander moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Eastman and Rep. Alexander absent for the vote

Rep. Buttars adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Sen. Al Mansell, Co-Chair

Rep. Craig Buttars, Co-Chair